

Abstract

5 The present invention is a system and method for using an instant messaging environment to facilitate the establishment of hosted application sharing sessions between a hosted application user and one or more other users in an instant messaging environment. The present invention utilizes a real-time instant messaging system to communicate necessary information between two messaging clients, allowing conditional
10 limitations to be applied to the application sharing process, as well as providing a simplified method to allow shared application users to collaborate in a hosted application session.